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TAGS: SENV, TBIO, AU, US

SUBJECT: TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES IN WILD FAUNA  
AND FLORA

1. AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES WERE NOTIFIED RECENTLY OF NEW U.S. REQUIREMENT THAT ALL IMPORTS OF AFRICAN ELEPHANT PRODUCTS INTO U.S. REQUIRE EXPORT FROM PARTY COUNTRY AND RE-EXPORT ONLY THROUGH PARTY COUNTRIES. AUSTRIA IS NOT YET A PARTY COUNTRY (ALTHOUGH IT HAS EXPRESSED ITS INTENTION TO ADHERE), BUT SHIPS BOESENDOERFER PIANOS WITH AFRICAN IVORY KEYS TO THE U.S. BOESENDOERFER IS A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF U.S. KIMBALL INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED, JASPER, INDIANA.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF TRADE, POINTING OUT THAT THE NEW U.S. REQUIREMENTS HAVE RAISED PROBLEMS FOR BOESENDOERFER IN COMPLYING WITH DELIVERY CONTRACTS ALREADY ENTERED INTO. THE AUSTRIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TAKE UP THIS PROBLEM WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. AUTHORITIES, AND THE MINISTRY HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY'S SUPPORT FOR THIS INTER-

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VENTION.

3. COMMENT: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS CUSTOMARY PROCEDURE IN SUCH CASES NOT TO APPLY ANY NEW REGULATION IN A WAY THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH CONTRACTS EXISTING ON THE DATE OF NOTIFICATION OF NEW REQUIREMENTS. THE NOTIFICATION OF THE SUBJECT REQUIREMENT WAS RECEIVED

BY THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES ON JUNE 19, 1978. FOR THIS REASON AS WELL AS BECAUSE OF THE AMERICAN INTEREST INVOLVED, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ANY SHIPMENTS CONTRACTED FOR BEFORE JUNE 19, OR WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME THEREAFTER, BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE U.S. UNDER REGULATIONS VALID UNTIL THAT DATE. END COMMENT. WOLF

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